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*The Eighth Judicial District Diversity Steering Committee  
The Eighth Judicial District Gender & Racial Fairness Committee*

*The Minority Bar Foundation, Inc.*

*The Women's Bar Association of the State of NY, WNY Chapter Diversity Committee*

*The Erie County Bar Association Minority Outreach Committee*

***Celebrates***

# ***Black History Month***



*Guest Speaker*

***Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins***

*NYS Board of Regents*

*Thursday, February 23, 2017*

*12:15 - 2:00 p.m.*

*Ceremonial Courtroom - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

*92 Franklin Street*

*Buffalo, NY*



***Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins***  
***NYS Board of Regents***

Catherine Fisher Collins earned a doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. From there she received her Master's Degree in Allied Health Education and graduated from the School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner's Program. Her undergraduate degrees are from Trocaire College and Buffalo State College.

Dr. Collins is a respected author of many published books: Sources of Stress and Relief for African American Women (2003); The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Conditions and Future Implications (winner of the 1997 Outstanding Academic and Scholarly Award); African American Women's Health and Social Issues 1<sup>st</sup> edition (1996); African American Women's Health and Social Issues 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2006); The Imprisonment of African American Women: Causes, Experiences and Effects 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2010); African American Women's Life Issues: Today's Vital Health and Social Matters (2013); and Black and Adolescent Girls Life Challenges (2014). She is currently working on her first children's book, Bullying Its Elementary: The Eve and Jessie Story. According to WorldCat, Dr. Collins' books are found in over 4,000 libraries worldwide.

Six years ago, she launched "Women's Health Radio", a show with a focus on women's health issues and wellness, the only radio program with a focus on women's health in Western New York. Dr. Collins has also held positions in health care and education administration, and she served as Director of a Registered Nursing Program.

Dr. Collins has received over 75 awards and honors, among them, Western New York Women's Hall of Fame; Business First 100 Most Influential Women 2015 & 2016; SUNY Outstanding Faculty Fellow; Honors from Governors of New Jersey (outstanding community service), New York (Attica Prison Health Initiative), Kentucky (international community services: this honor inducts her into the membership of the Kentucky Coronals); and the 2014 Jane Altes Prize for Exemplary Community Services.

Catherine Fisher Collins was elected by a joint session of the New York State Legislature on March 10, 2015 to the Board of Regents for a five-year term representing the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. She is the first African American woman to hold this seat.

Dr. Catherine Collins is the proud mother of two children. She credits her love for education to her late parents, who instilled in her the value of education and love of reading. Her motto: "The future of this nation is in the hands of public education".

***Invocation***

***Rev. Sandra K. Scruggs***  
*Sr. Court Reporter*

***Welcome***

***Honorable E. Jeannette Ogden, J.S.C.***  
*Chair, Gender & Racial Fairness Committee*

***Remarks***

***Lenora Foote, Esq.***  
*Executive Assistant to Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen*  
***Elizabeth Kraengel, Esq., President***  
*The WBASNY, WNY Chapter*  
***David Edmunds, Jr. Esq., President***  
*The Minority Bar Foundation, Inc.*  
***Stephanie Calhoun, Esq., Chairperson***  
*The Erie Co. Bar Association Minority Outreach Committee*

***Introduction of  
Speaker***

***Honorable Debra Givens***  
*Buffalo City Court Judge*

***Keynote Speaker***

***Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins***  
*NYS Board of Regents*

***Acknowledgements  
& Closing Remarks***

***Andrea Wilson***  
*Senior Court Analyst*

***Benediction***

***Rev. Ron Coleman***  
*Assistant Court Analyst*

***Refreshments Served***



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